# DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

#### REGULAR MEETING:

#### **17 NOVEMBER 1998**

The City Council of the City of Greensboro met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tempore Keith A. Holliday, presiding; Councilmembers Claudette Burroughs-White, Sandra G. Carmany, Earl F. Jones, Nancy Mincello, Robert V. Perkins and Donald R. Vaughan. Absent: Mayor Carolyn S. Allen and Councilmember Yvonne J. Johnson, excused by action of the Council. Also present were J. Edward Kitchen, City Manager; Jesse L. Warren, City Attorney; and Juanita F. Cooper, City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Tem Holliday stated that Mayor Allen was out of town on a visit to Brazil; he also noted the death of Councilmember Johnson's father and requested that she and her family be remembered during the moment of silence. Councilmember Vaughan moved that Mayor Allen and Councilmember Johnson be excused from attendance at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carmany and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

The meeting was continued with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The Manager recognized Danny Briggs, employee in the Water Resources Department, who served as courier for the meeting.

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The City Manager reported that recent mandatory water conservation efforts had provided satisfactory results; however, he emphasized the need of the community to continue to focus on water conservation. He stated that while the recent rainfall was beneficial, considerably more rain was need to solve the City's water problems; the City Manager emphasized staff would continue to monitor the water situation in Greensboro to determine if additional restrictions were necessary. The Manager spoke to Greensboro's extensive advertising campaign underway to inform citizens of the importance of water conservation, detailed the purchase from High Point of water to provide temporary relief to the water crisis, and added that he would continue discussions with Reidsville regarding the purchase of water. The Manager commended Allan Williams, Water Resources Department Director; his staff; and the contractor, for the timely installation of water lines to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County system; he added this project was ahead of schedule and would make additional water available to provide additional temporary relief to Greensboro's water situation. The Manager added that water rate increases would be offered for Council's consideration at the December 1 meeting to pay for the emergency measures currently in place and to more appropriately charge for this valuable resource. He added that staff efforts were underway to explain to various segments of the community the necessity of increasing the water rates.

Mr. Williams provided a detailed update of Greensboro's mandatory water conservation efforts and used a graph chart to illustrate the decrease in Greensboro's water use as a result of the conservation. He spoke to the temporary relief provided to Greensboro by the purchase from High Point of over one million gallons of water per day and to anticipated completion of the line to Winston Salem which would provide additional water for Greensboro. He emphasized that recent rains had not favorably impacted the City's lake levels and reiterated the Manager's statement that users of Greensboro's water should continue to focus on water conservation.

The Manager recognized Tom Phillips and John Kime, members of the Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority (PTRWA), who were present in the Chamber to briefly update the Council on the Randleman Dam project.

Speaking to the recent action by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission which reclassified that portion of the Deep River to be used for the Randleman Dam reservoir as suitable for drinking water, Mr. Phillips added that this was the last major regulatory hurdle needed before construction could begin on the much-needed facility. He emphasized that members of the PTRWA were also concerned about water quality and spoke to numerous studies conducted to ensure the quality of this water for public use.

Mr. Kime spoke to the timeframe involved with the Randleman Dam Project, outlined various stages of the project, advised 95% of the necessary land had been purchased and 95% of the engineering work had been accomplished, and stated that the State's recent action would allow the PTRWA to seek a permit for the dam; Mr. Kime added that if the project proceeded as anticipated, construction could begin next year and water could be available from the project by 2002.

The Council commended Messrs. Phillips and Kime and the PTWA members for their efforts to bring this project to fruition.

The Manager cautioned that although the Randleman Dam project was progressing, Greensboro must address Greensboro's current water system and continue water conservation efforts.

Ross Myers, 1329-B North Elm Street; expressed concern that because of recent water restrictions, he had been forced to stop the operation of his painting business. Advising that the painting of buildings was necessary to maintain various structures, he requested Council to make an exception to allow his business to continue.

After Councilmember Jones questioned whether Greensboro should explore the feasibility of reusing wastewater for irrigation purposes, Mr. Williams advised that this type of operation would be cost prohibitive for Greensboro. Noting that Guilford County had discussed efforts to direct development to areas with sufficient underground water, Councilmember Carmany requested staff to notify the County of Council's ongoing concerns with increased development in the northwest area of the County which could adversely impact Greensboro's water supply. Discussion was also held regarding portions of the emergency water restriction plan and the impact on various businesses. Council indicated the desire to discuss possible amendments to the ordinance to accommodate Mr. Myers' request and further address the issue of permitting the watering of golf course greens during this crisis period. At the request of the Manager, Council agreed to delay the discussion of possible exceptions until the Addendum portion of the meeting.

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The Mayor Pro Tempore explained the Council Procedure for Conduct of the Meeting.

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The Mayor Pro Tem stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance rezoning from RS-9 Residential Single Family to General Office Moderate Intensity for property located on the north side of West Vandalia Road east of Locksley Lane and north of Paddington Street; he advised this matter received a 3-3 vote by the Zoning Commission to recommend denial of the rezoning. Mayor Pro Tem Holliday asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mr. Martin provided highlights of the Zoning Commission meeting and used a map and slides to illustrate the property and surrounding area.

Paul Marth, 6004 Deer Park Circle, attorney for the property owners, provided details about the history of the property, described the property and the surrounding area, advised the property was difficult to market, reviewed the type of development that could take place under the current zoning, spoke to the proposed use of the property and noted the increasing commercial development in the area. Advising that some of the area residents appeared to be concerned with problems the construction and noise would create for their neighborhood, he reiterated that these conditions would exist with any development of the property. Mr. Marth advised that this was the highest and best use of this property and requested Council to approve the rezoning request.

Wade Burton, residing at 16 Pipers Glen Court; Angela Burton, residing at 16 Pipers Glen Court; and Benny F. Sloan, Jr., residing at 10 Pipers Glen Court; spoke in opposition to the proposed rezoning. They cited the following concerns: the zoning included no conditions to guarantee the type of development that would be placed on the property, that some types of development permitted under the proposed zoning could devalue their property and change the character of their neighborhood, etc. Ms. Burton advised although some neighborhood residents were unable to attend the meeting, a number of area residents were present in the Chamber to oppose the rezoning.

Council discussed with Mr. Martin various concerns and opinions with respect to this request; i.e., the types and density of development that could take place under the current and proposed zoning classifications, the City's notification process for advising area residents of requests for zoning changes, the existing zoning pattern in the area, and the fact that because this was not a conditional use zoning Council must consider all uses that would be permitted under the proposed zoning.

### Mr. Martin provided the following staff recommendation:

The Planning Department recommends that this request be approved. With GO-M zoning to the west and Light Industrial to the east, staff recognized that it was only a matter of time before a proposal would be made for this tract. General office zoning is preferable to industrial zoning for this tract since it abuts residential to the north along with extensive RS-9 zoning on the south side of West Vandalia Road. GO-M is a reasonable final zoning classification for this property.

Councilmember Perkins moved adoption of the ordinance; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Carmany. After the vote was recorded, Councilmember Jones stated that he had inadvertently not voted as he had intended. Councilmember Vaughan moved that the Clerk be instructed to clear the board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carmany and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council. The ordinance was thereupon **DEFEATED** on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Perkins. Noes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, and Vaughan. (A copy of the ordinance as introduced and DEFEATED and other information is filed in Exhibit Drawer M, Exhibit Number 9, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

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Mayor Pro Tem Holliday stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances to reduce the parking requirements for dental offices. He asked if anyone wished to be heard.

After a brief explanation by Mr. Martin, Councilmember Jones moved adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mincello; the ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

98-178 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. That Table 30-5-3-1, Off-Street Parking Requirements, is hereby amended by rewriting the standard for the use "Medical, dental, or related offices" in the business, Professional, and Personal Services subsection of the table to read as follows:

"13 a) Medical or related office 3/examination or treatment room plus

1/doctor and other employee

b) Dental office 2/examination or treatment room plus

1/dentist and other employee"

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extend of such conflict.

(Signed) Earl Jones

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The Mayor Pro Tem stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution authorizing on basis of public necessity sanitary sewer improvements on Osborne Road from approximately 200' north of McCuiston Road to approximately 300' south of Springbrook Drive. He asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There being no one present desiring to speak to this matter, Councilmember Carmany moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

### 0-88 RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

OSBORNE ROAD FROM APPROXIMATELY 200' NORTH OF MCCUISTON ROAD TO APPROXIMATLEY 300' SOUTH OF SPRINGBROOK DRIVE

WHEREAS, due notice has been given that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in the Municipal Office Building a public hearing would be held on the improvements hereinafter described and that all objections to the legality of the making of the improvements are required by law to be made in writing, signed in person or by attorney, and filed with the City Clerk at or before the time of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing has now been held and no objections have been made to the making of the improvements;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

A. That the street or streets hereinabove set out is/are

Without sanitary sewer mains, that public necessity and interest require that sanitary sewer mains be made available, and that abutting property will be benefited to the extent of the part of the cost thereof to be assessed against such abutting property.

B. That the local improvements to be made on the street or streets set out above are as follows:

<u>Sanitary Sewer Improvements</u>. That a sanitary sewer main of 8-inch size be laid on the street or streets hereinabove named within the limits defined, and that necessary laterals (including water laterals where none exist and water main has been installed) be laid for the proper connection of abutting property.

- C. That the proportion of the cost of the improvements to be assessed against the abutting property and the terms of payment will be as provided in the Notice of Public Hearing which was served on the owners of the property to be assessed.
- D. That this resolution be published one time in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro as notice of the matters herein set out.

(Signed) Sandy Carmany

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Mayor Pro Tem Holliday stated that this was the time and place set for a public hearing to consider a Resolution authorizing on basis of petition storm sewer improvement at 1403 Ellis Street. He asked if anyone wished to be heard.

There being no one present desiring to speak to this matter, Councilmember Burroughs-White moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jones; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

### E-126 RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

### 1403 ELLIS STREET Tax Map 104-10-7

WHEREAS, due notice has been given that on the 17th day of November, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Melvin Municipal Office Building a public hearing would be held on the improvement hereinafter described and that all objections to the legality of the making of the improvement are required by law to be made in writing, signed in person or by attorney, and filed with the City Clerk at or before the time of the public hearing.

WHEREAS, the public hearing has now been held and no objections have been made to the making of the improvement.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

- A. That the petition for the local improvement hereinafter described is hereby found to be sufficient in all respects.
- B. That the local improvement to be made is set out below:

Storm Sewer Improvement. That a 36" storm sewer line be installed on the property of William H. Thomas, located at 1403 Ellis Street, beginning at an existing 36" storm sewer pipe on the west property line and running approximately 84 linear feet in an easterly direction and emptying into an existing ditch.

- C. That the cost of the improvement shall be assessed against the property located at 1403 Ellis Street and the terms of payment will be as provided in the Notice of Public Hearing.
- D. That this resolution be published one time in a newspaper published in the City of Greensboro as notice of the matters herein set out.

(Signed) Claudette Burroughs-White

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The Mayor Pro Tem introduced a Resolution adopting boundaries to be included in the State Development Zone and authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Commerce; he advised that this matter continued from the 3 November 1998 Council meeting.

Mr. Martin advised the proposed Zone met the minimum criteria necessary to provide incentives for economic development in pockets of poverty in the state. He briefly reviewed the criteria for eligibility for this designation and advised Council's suggestions had been incorporated into the proposal.

After brief discussion, Councilmember Burroughs-White moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

225-98 RESOLUTION ADOPTING BOUNDARIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE DEVELOPMENT ZONE AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide incentives for certain industries to locate in North Carolina, the William S. Lee Act was enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1996 and subsequently amended in 1997 and 1998;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Act is to bring economic development to pockets of poverty in municipalities that have not shared in the economic gains of the State as a whole and by encouraging existing industries to expand and to provide investment and workforce;

WHEREAS, pursuant to guidelines established in the Act, it provides up to 50% credit against corporate income taxes for job creation and capital investment and this includes manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale trade, central administrative offices, data processing and air courier services;

WHEREAS, the Act was recently amended to authorize State Development Zones which provide economic incentives to stimulate new investment and job creation in economically distressed urban areas and was a part of the 1998 Economic Opportunities Act enacted in 1998 (N.C.G.S. 105-1209.3A);

WHEREAS, the zone must be within a city with a population of more than 5,000 people and more than 20% of the zoned population must be below the poverty level as well as the zone must contain 1,000 persons or more:

WHEREAS, there are 20 entire census tracts and 13 partial tracts identified as meeting the criteria for an eligible zone designation in the City of Greensboro, as shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the City to designate these tracts as a Development Zone and to apply to the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a designation thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That following a public hearing and meeting on 17 November 1998 by the City Council, the City Council hereby approves the Development Zone as shown on the attached map and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to file an application with the North Carolina Department of Commerce for designation of a North Carolina Development Zone.

(Signed) Claudette Burroughs-White

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After the introduction by Mayor Pro Tem Holliday of a resolution authorizing the granting of easement to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University to encroach into a City right-of-way for a cabling system extension to serve the Campus Police Administration Building, Councilmember Vaughan moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burroughs-White; the resolution was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

# 226-98 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT TO NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has approached the City for a street right-of-way easement for the purpose of extending the university's broadband cabling system to the Campus Police Administration Building;

WHEREAS, the encroachment would involve cable installation under Salem Street between Laurel and Obermeyer Streets, as shown on the attached map;

WHEREAS, the granting of said easement will not interfere with the property use by the City and there is no other public need which would be in conflict with the easement to be granted or the use thereof.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That, pursuant to Section 4.128(b) of the City Charter, the granting of a right-of-way easement through the above mentioned property to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is hereby authorized and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Greensboro, a proper deed of conveyance to carry the proposal into effect.

(Signed) Donald R. Vaughan

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The Mayor Pro Tem introduced an Ordinance establishing in the amount of \$30,000 Grant Project Budget for Library Department for funding of a Greensboro Neighborhood Resource Center Project.

Councilmember Burroughs-White moved adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perkins; the ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

# 98-179 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GRANT PROJECT BUDGET FOR LIBRARY DEPARTMENT - GREENSBORO NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSOBORO:

That the appropriation for the State and Federal Grants Fund be increased as follows:

Account	<u>Description</u>	Amount
220-5515-02.5212	Software	5,500
220-5515-02.5224	Outside Printing	4,000
220-5515-02.5261	Books	6,500
220-5515-02.5413	Consultant Services	\$ 10,000

 220-5515-02.5520
 Seminar/Training Expenses
 2,000

 220-5515-02.5239
 Miscellaneous Supplies
 2,000

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and, that this increase be financed by increasing the following State and Federal Grants Fund accounts:

Account Description Amount
220-5515-02.8620 Donations & Private Contributions \$ 30,000 \$ 30,000

(Signed) Claudette Burroughs-White

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After Mayor Pro Tem Holliday introduced an Ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances with respect to clarifying the appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission, Councilmember Vaughan moved adoption of the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Perkins; the ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

98-180 AMENDING CHAPTER 30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO CITY OF GREENSBORO DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. That Section 30-9-5.2 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by repealing the second sentence under subsection (A).

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective on and after 1 December 1998.

(Signed) Donald R. Vaughan

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Councilmember Carmany moved approval of the minutes of regular meeting of 3 November 1998. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

In response earlier discussions regarding the desire to consider amendments to the Water Conservation Plan to eliminate the watering of golf course greens and to permit the hand washing of exterior surfaces of a building for the purpose of preparing for painting, Council discussed at length various opinions and concerns with respect to the Plan and requests for various changes to the ordinance; i.e., the fact that golf course greens could currently be watered using a hand held hose, that under the current regulations owners were permitted to use water from private lakes for irrigation purposes, the future impact these regulations could have on a local water park, the fact that restrictions in the ordinance covered a multitude of general uses by prohibiting the use of Greensboro water for unnecessary purposes, other business owners' requests for additional exceptions to the restrictions, and future additional restrictions which, if necessary, could be unpleasant for the community.

Councilmember Jones moved adoption of the Ordinance amending Chapter 29 A of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances with respect to emergency water conservation and restriction plan which accommodate Mr. Myers' request to provide relief to house painters and address the issue of watering golf course greens. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burroughs-White; the ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote: Ayes: Burroughs-White, Carmany, Holliday, Jones, Mincello, Perkins and Vaughan. Noes: None.

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### **AMENDING CHAPTER 29A**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 29A OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO EMERGENCY WATER CONSERVATION AND RESTRICTION PLAN.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Greensboro:

Section 1. That Sec. 29A-6(b)(1) of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by placing a period after the word "trade" and by deleting the balance of sub-subsection (1) contained therein.

Section 2. That Sec. 29A-6(b) of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby further amended by adding at the end of sub-subsection (5) the following new sentence: "Provided, that hand washing of exterior surfaces of a building for the purpose of preparing them for painting shall be permitted."

Section 3. That Sec. 29A-6(C) (1) of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding a period after trade and deleting the rest of the sentence. it is further amended by adding "and golf courses may water greens by hand-held hose" after the word irrigation.

Section 4. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

(Signed) Earl Jones

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Bill Bunting, residing at 4019 Saltee Road, expressed concern with respect to a curb cut that had been permitted on Rehobeth Church Road and would serve a site with manufactured homes. He detailed discussions with city staff, spoke to traffic problems in the area and stated he had submitted a petition signed by citizens in opposition to the curb cut across from Greenhaven.

Council discussed this issue with the City Attorney, Mr. Martin and Jim Westmoreland, representing the Transportation Department. They advised the curb cut had been reviewed and approved via the normal City process, including the Technical Review Committee, and had met City standards. Mr. Westmoreland provided information regarding the low volume of ingress/egress anticipated at this location, stated that City had no problems issuing a driveway permit at this location and advised this information had been given to Mr. Bunting. Advising that the property had been rezoned with no conditions regarding access, Mr. Martin stated the City must provide reasonable access to this property. The City Attorney cautioned that it was not proper for Council to make any determinations with respect to this matter.

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John Pugh, residing at 1085 N.C. 150 West, requested Council to amend the Water Conservation Plan to allow him to operate his pressure cleaning business. The Manager advised this use was prohibited due to the large volume of water used and discussed with Mr. Pugh the difference between the amount of water used by a hand held

hose and pressure washing. The City Manager reiterated his concern with the approval of any exceptions to the ordinance and spoke to the importance of seeking alternate ways available to get jobs accomplished.

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Mayor Pro Tem Holliday explained that because a large number of individuals had indicated their desire to speak to the same topic, Council would allow thirty minutes for speakers with respect to this matter. He stated that information could be displayed during the presentation and encouraged the selection of speakers to represent the group by providing new information.

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The Mayor Pro Tem declared a recess at 7:48 p.m.

The Council re-convened at 8:00 p.m. with all members present except Mayor Allen and Councilmember Johnson who were excused earlier in the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Holliday expressed appreciation to the group for their patience in waiting to speak; he requested representative speakers to adhere to the 30-minute time period provided. At his request, the City Attorney advised that the speakers had indicated they might address the Daryl Howerton vs. City of Greensboro case still in Federal Court; he strongly encouraged the City Council and City Staff not to discuss or become involved in any discussion of this case or related facts. The City Attorney further stated that although the jury decision was in favor of the City, this matter could go on appeal. The Mayor Pro Tem stated that because all interested parties would not have an opportunity to speak, their names would be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

Naomi Randolph, residing at 707 Inglewood Street, representing the Daryl Howerton Justice Committee; Edward Chavis, N. C. A&T State University; Ervin Brisbon, residing at 21-G Covey Lane; Clarence Todman, PO Box 4274; Reverend Gregory Headen, representing the Pulpit Forum; Wayman McLaughlin, NC A&T State University; William Mohamed, residing at 309-C West Lee Street; spoke to the recent trial related to the Howerton vs. City of Greensboro case. They expressed concern that Police officers had attended an A&T history club meeting held to support for Mrs. Howerton's efforts to continue her legal pursuits but had failed to attend a similar meeting on another college campus. A letter from Mrs. Howerton was read which requested that Police personnel receive special training with regard to dealing with people in distress and the creation of a citizens police review board. A number of these citizens expressed dissatisfaction with Police Department response to complaints and to the entire process involved with filing a complaint with the Police Department. Some of the speakers also stated that recent occurrences had reinforced what they believed to be widespread insensitivity in Greensboro with regard to race.

The speakers expressed numerous other concerns related to the Guilford County School System and the School Board, actions directed at A&T students by a local mall's security personnel, and the recent military training exercise in Greensboro and its negative impact on the Black community,

They requested the Council to respond to concerns raised by the speakers, to address the issue of a citizens police review board, and to work with citizens to address concerns and build a safer community. Suggestions were offered as to studies that could be conducted by the Human Relations Department.

The Manager advised that the Human Relations Department was working with Mr. Brisbon to address the concerns of his group. He thereupon requested John Shaw, Human Relations Department Director, to speak to this issue.

Stating that although the City did not have a civilian police review board, Mr. Shaw advised his Department had successfully served as a police review board since 1990. He thereupon outlined the process in place to ensure all complaints received by his Department were appropriately addressed in a timely manner. He stated that the Human Relations Department would review with Mr. Brisbon his concerns related to the Police Department and/or other city-related issues. Some Council members requested the Human Relations Department to explore the feasibility creating a citizens police review board, review the past and current sensitivity training for Police, and review various community training opportunities available in the community to assist citizens in dealing with race-related issues.

(A copy of information received with respect to this matter and the names of the individuals who registered to speak is filed in Exhibit Drawer M, Exhibit Number 9, which is hereby referred to and made a part of these minutes.)

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Councilmember Perkins requested staff to review the feasibility of eliminating the straight zoning classification in Greensboro and provide a report to Council. Some discussion was held with regard to various types of zoning requests.

Speaking to the positive citizens' comments he had received with respect to the Police Chief's recommendation for satellite police stations, Councilmember Perkins encouraged Council to support the implementation of this plan.

Councilmember Perkins added the name of Randall Kaplan to the boards and commissions data bank for future consideration on the Human Relations Commission.

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Councilmember Carmany stated that Mayor Allen had proclaimed this week as American Education Week and spoke to various activities being held throughout the week.

Councilmember Carmany requested staff to determine if any City action could be taken to ensure prompt removal of all related signs after elections had been held. She requested that election signs be removed from the area of Fairfax and Immanuel Roads. Councilmember Vaughan advised that Judge Joe Turner was drafting an ordinance for Council's consideration.

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Councilmember Burroughs-White commended Sandy Neerman and Library for their continued efforts to further enhance the opportunities offered by the new Main Library facility. She advised that efforts were underway to assess and address the needs of the branch library facilities.

Councilmember Burroughs-White mentioned the November 22 Commission on the Status of Women meeting being held at the Historical Museum.

Councilmember Burroughs-White spoke to the United Services for Older Adults' (USOA) survey to obtain information about older citizens in Greensboro; she encouraged citizens to respond in a timely manner in order that the USOA could better meet the needs of Greensboro citizens.

Councilmember Burroughs-White commended Representative Alma Adams for her successful efforts which led to the adoption of legislation regarding displaced homeowners.

Councilmember Jones requested the Manager to provide a full report regarding the Housing Coalition; i.e., services; funding sources, including city funding provided; whether audits of this agency had been conducted and general information about the status of the Coalition.

In response to Councilmember Jones' inquiry, the Manager stated that although the Police Department had advance knowledge of the recent military training operation that took place in Greensboro, they were not aware of the scope of the operation. He added that since that operation, the Police Chief had conveyed to appropriate Marine personnel Greensboro's displeasure with regard to the exercise and expressed our desire that future military training exercises of this nature not be held in the City of Greensboro.

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The City Manager provided a brief update with regard to the City's loose leaf collection program.

Councilmember Carmany moved that the City Council adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Vaughan and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:20 P.M.

JUANITA F. COOPER CITY CLERK

KEITH A. HOLLIDAY MAYOR PRO TEM

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